(b) whether any money has been sanctioned; and

(c) what is the time schedule of making this project effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Chandigarh airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) only maintains a Civil Air Terminal there for handling civil flights.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of runway of Kullu airport

1339. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any feasibility for extension of runway at Kullu, Kangra and Shimla airports as per the report submitted by IIT, Roorkee;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work for extension of runway is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Final report from IIT, Roorkee is still awaited for Kullu airport. IIT, Roorkee has not been entrusted the work of carrying out any feasibility study from the extension of runway at Kangra and Shimla Airports.

(b) Runway extension is not feasible at Shimla airport due to deep gourges and hilly terrains. Runway extension at Kangra airport has been completed.

(c) The decision to extend the runway at Kullu will be taken only after the receipt of final report from IIT, Roorkee.

Second airport for Delhi

1340. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to have a second airport for Delhi at Noida;

(b) if so, by when work on its construction is likely to begin and by when the airport would become operational; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Earlier, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh had submitted a proposal for construction of a Greenfield airport near Noida. The proposal could not be processed as the State Government had not made available the requisite clearances from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Airports Authority of India, Directorate General of Civil Aviation etc.

Improvement in quality of pilots

1341. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flying institutes in our country are disappointing in keeping airline industry's demand for pilots;

(b) if so, the whether airline companies also have to compromise on quality of pilots;

(c) the number of pilots appeared for Pilot's Licences Exams in 2003; and

(d) what steps Government have taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality and quantity of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The training efforts of flying institutes in the country are constrained mainly by the non-availability of Flying Instructors due to comparatively higher renumeration available to them in the industry.

(b) No, Sir.